

# Hongkong Telegraph

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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital ..... \$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital ..... \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq.,  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,  
H. Stollert, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

### BANKERS.

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Paris Banking Co., and The All India Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893.

### THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ..... \$2,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... \$1,000,000

### BANKERS.

CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS

and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained

on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange

business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893.

### THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ..... \$1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,125,000

### BANKERS.

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT

ACCOUNTS at the rate of 5 per cent.

per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months ..... 5 per cent.

" 6 " ..... 4 " "

" 3 " ..... 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893.

## Insurances.

### THE STANDARD.

### ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES

of this form of Assurance, the

following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision

for wife and family or other relatives

in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent investment

for the regular accumulation of

small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are

larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN

THREE YEARS IN FORCE—

should the Policy-holder wish to dis-

continue future payments—he will

be entitled to receive, on application,

a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a

proportionate amount of the Sum

Assured, as explained in the Pros-

pectus.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Agents,

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893.

### NOTICE.

### THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,

&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

### THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 ..... \$333,333.33

EQUAL TO RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LO YUK MOON, Esq.,

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER—HO ANZEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

World.

HEAD OFFICE, 5 & 7, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

CANTON BLACKWOOD, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY), the 10th March, 1894,

(instead of Friday),

commencing at 2.30 P.M.,

at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET.

(For Sundry Accounts.)

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:—

SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH COVERED

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, OYSTERMAN-

TELS, CARD TABLE, TEA TABLES, VERY

HANDSOME CANTON BLACKWOOD

CARVED BOOKCASE, CURIO STANDS,

Plano and India LADY'S WRITING-DESK,

ditto MARBLE-TOP ROUND TABLES,

STOOLS, STANDS, JARDINIERES, &c.,

HANDSOME ORNAMENTS, VASES,

SPORTING and other PICTURES, CHE-

NIFFE and WHITE LACE CURTAINS,

CARPETS, RUGS, BRASS FENDERS, &c.,

ASPINALL RATTAN FURNITURE,

TWO HANDSOME STANDARD LAMPS,

HINKS' PATENT LAMPS, &c., MARBLE-

TOP SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS,

ELECTRO-PLATE, EXTENSION DINING

TABLE, LEATHER COVERED CHAIRS,

VERY HANDSOME and RICHLY GILT DIN-

NER and DESSERT SERVICES, GLASS

WARE, &c., &c.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS,

&c., &c.

DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES,

Plano and with GLASS DOORS, MARBLE-

TOP WASHSTANDS, and SETS. LADY'S

DRESSING TABLES, BED-ROOM FURNI-

TURE, BATH-ROOM & KITCHEN RE-  
QUISITES.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by Hoyer.

TRICKSHA, LADIES' and GENTS' EVEN-

ING CHAIRS, a Quantity of VALUABLE

BOOKS.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On View

from Thursday, the 8th instant.

Terms of Sale:—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1894.

### AUCTION SALE

MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY,

AT

SALE ROOMS, 17, PRINCE CENTRAL,

TO-MORROW

(SATURDAY), March 10th, 1894,

AT 2.45 P.M. prompt.

Comprising:—

20 Watches, Stationery, Fancy Goods, She-

ffield Cutlery, Wines, Brandy, Liqueurs, Foochow

Tea, Fancy Soaps, Perfumery, Padlocks, Ink

and Inkstands, Hosiery, Butter Scotch and other

Sweetmeats, Photo Camera on Tripod stand, 4

Jewellerys, Tricycle, Sewing Machine, a com-

plete Set of Harnes and Sundry Stores.

On view Saturday

SALE TERMS:—As customary.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,

Auctioneers & Valuers.

Offices, 17, Prince Central,

Hongkong, 8th March, 1894.

### AUCTION SALE

OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND

EFFECTS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

TUESDAY next, March 13th, 1894,

AT 2.30 P.M. prompt,

AT THEIR SALE ROOMS, 17, PRINCE CENTRAL

(Removal from 1, FAIR VIEW, KOWLOON,

for Convenience of Sale).

THE WHOLE OF THE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

AND EFFECTS,

Comprising:—

HALL, DRAWING-ROOM, DINING-

ROOM & BED-ROOM FURNITURE, SIDE-

BOARDS, OVERMANTELS, EXTENSION

DINING TABLE, DRESSING TABLES,

FANCY TABLES, CABINET, EASY CHAIRS,

RATTAN CHAIRS, IRON and BRASS

MOUNTED BEDSTEPS, MATTRESSES,

GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY,

COOKING STOVES and UTENSILS, PIC-

TURES, ORNAMENTS, CLOCKS, BATH-

ROOM REQUISITES,

&c., &c., &c.

Also for Sundry Accounts,

A QUANTITY OF

NEW and SECOND-HAND CABINET

FURNITURE.

On View from Monday.

SALE TERMS:—As customary.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,

Auctioneers & Valuers.

Offices, 17, Prince Central,

Hongkong, 8th March, 1894.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

from H. M. NAVAL YARD STORE-KEEPER

to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1894,

at Noon,

at H. M. NAVAL YARD.

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING

CONDANNED STORES,

Comprising:—

OLD IRON, CHAIN-CABLE, PAPER

STUFF, RAGS, CANVAS, HOSES and

CLOTHING,

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

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CONDANNED STORES,

Comprising:—

## Intimations.

### KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY,  
TUESDAY 6TH MARCH.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

### DOLLAR AND STERLING EXCHANGE TABLES

FROM 1s. 9d. TO 1s. 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d.

FORMING A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE TABLES.

Hongkong, 5th March 1894.

## W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED

THE ART OF DRAWN WORK.

Practical Engineer's Pocket Diary, 1894.

Our Ocean Railways.

Churchill's Men, Mines & Animals, South Africa.

An Indian Eye on English Life.

Hunting American Big Game.

Pills' Arctic Ocean to Yellow Sea.

Round the Works of Our Great Railways.

The Heavenly Twins.

Montezuma's Daughters, by Rider Haggard.

Engineering Drawing and Design.

ENGINEERS' ALMANACKS, 1894.

Alley's Nautical Almanack, 1894.

Cheap Commercial Envelopes, \$1.75 & \$2.1, 1,000.

Cheap Stationery for private use.

Caw's Stylographic Pens.

Caw's Fountain Pens.

Belique—Halmu—Reverol.

Best and Cheap quality "Square" Playing Cards.

New Exchange Tables 2/- to 3/6.

Chrysographs for Window Decoration.

W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1894.

## THE

### HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 31.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being  
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.  
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER

Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

### DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.



## Intimations.

## DR. FENWICK'S FOOD

FOR  
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS  
ALSO FOR  
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

It is especially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.  
In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at 1s. 10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,**  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894. 136

## CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

屈臣氏公司

## FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

## WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

## ANALYSTS.

## PERFUMERS.

## PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS AND VENDORS.

## DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN.

## CIGAR DEALERS.

## WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

AND

## AERATED WATER MAKERS.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

香港大藥房

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LD.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking Road, Shanghai.

Botica Inglesa, 14, Escolta, Manila.

The Canton Dispensary, Canton.

The Dispensary, Foochow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.

London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1894. 135

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1st OF JANUARY, 1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

## DEATH.

On the 25th January, at Eastbourne, MARCUS OCTAVIUS FLOWERS, late H.B.M.'s Consul in Japan, aged 75 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

THE PREMIER AND THE PRESS.  
LONDON, March 9th.  
Newspapers of all shades of politics express approval of the Earl of Rosebery's appointment.

MR. GLADSTONE'S HEALTH.  
Mr. Gladstone is suffering from a feverish chill and is confined to bed.

## RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Herbert John Gladstone, Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Office, succeeds Mr. John Shaw-Lefevre as First Commissioner of Works.

## THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

PARIS, February 26th.  
The Chamber has held the election of J. M. Wilson invalid.

## THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

The Emperor and Empress of Austria have been passing a week in the neighbourhood of Nice, in Italy.

## THE GERMAN TARIFF.

The Reichstag is discussing the commercial treaty between Germany and Russia. Count von Caprivi, the Chancellor, says he hopes to pave the way for the union of the powers of Europe for concerted action in economic matters.

## FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

PARIS, March 1st.

The Gauls positively assert the existence of a military defensive convention between France and Russia.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Broker's Sin—Commission, not omission.

THERE is an epidemic of small-pox in Tonkin, and special hospitals are being run up. The *Avon* says the plague is disappearing already.

THERE is a firm belief among the natives of India that the object of the Opium Commission, sitting just now, is to promote the interests of Scotch and Irish whisky distillers.

The *Centurion* was to have been commissioned at Portsmouth on 14th ult. for the relief of the *Impetuous*. Captain E. S. Poff is to bring the *Centurion* out to Hongkong and will take the *Impetuous* home.

The Japanese Government has been advised from Washington that Chili has notified its intention of adopting a gold standard on the 1st of July, 1895. This may not be important news, but it starts the think-works going somehow.

At the Tonkin Criminal Sessions on the 3rd inst., fifty-six Chinese were charged with being connected with the piratical bands infesting the province; 30 of them were acquitted, 25 sentenced to deportation to a fortress for life, and 10 to banishment from the country.

COMPENSATION extraordinary. The husband of a woman who was recently killed near St. Joseph, Mo., has written to the railway people responsible for the accident that, as his wife was nice-looking and a good cook he thought he ought to get ten dollars damages.

As will be seen by a Government notification in another column, the water supply of the colony will be cut off between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., indefinitely, on and after the 14th inst. No reason is given for this action on the part of the Water Authority, but presumably it is owing to the long-continued drought.

The 1894 edition of the *North China Daily Hong List*, which we have just received, is a decided improvement on its predecessors in that it contains more useful information than hitherto and, as far as the scope of the work permits, is a thoroughly reliable and useful hand-book for business men in Shanghai and China coast ports.

Mr. Hirahama Senzo, the well-known Yokohama milliner and trader, who was recently awarded a charge of giving false evidence in connection with the sensational *Soma* case, has been sentenced by the Tokyo Local Court to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. Notice of appeal has been given.

The *Makong* laments that, under pretext of a ruinous exchange, the *Silgon* *ceffers* "no longer import glister ale, nor the excellent English lemonade," but only supply "the atrocious lemonade manufactured locally" at a price of 4 cents and a retail price of 15; and worthless brands of beer that are "ironic rather than stomachic."

The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Barrack Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—

Polka. "Comrade" Waldmull.  
Valse. "Bacchant" Bousquet.  
Quadrille. "Chato de Fleurs" Faust.  
Schottische. "La Ballera del Ballo" Busby.  
Gigue. "Land of Lovers" Goss.  
Valse. "Faire Volez" Crowe.  
Quadrille. "No Man's Land" Faust.  
Valse. "The Maid of the Mill" Lida.

ALTHOUGH Japanese officials may confuse to good the people at large to clamour for treaty revision, it is not, in the opinion of the *Harald*, to be denied that immense benefits have accrued to the latter from the stimulus afforded by the existence of extraterritoriality, or rather by the desire to get rid of it. The several reforms which have been accomplished during the last couple of decades, would not certainly have been attempted for many years to come, and what is more, accomplished, without the incentive which the existence of extraterritoriality has afforded. It has been a real advantage to the Japanese people, and, in addition, has saved the Government from an immense amount of responsibility and expense. Truly it has proved to be a very great blessing in disguise.

WITH reference to the prosecution of Phra Yot, the Siamese officer who is being tried at Bangkok on the charge of murdering Inspector Grosvenor on the Siamese frontier on June 3rd, of last year, the *Observer* remarks:—At such a moment it would be improper to prejudice the case either way, by making public certain facts which we have become acquainted with, but it is nevertheless permissible to remind the *lordships* the judges that on the impartiality and fervour of their decision even greater issues than the lives of four men depend. The conditions of the trial are unprecedented—the last barrier to his country's absolute freedom. Phra Yot, being prosecuted by his own countrymen, at the bidding of strangers, for an offence committed outside the revised boundaries of Siam; with no hope of appeal in case of conviction, and no certainty of escape in the event of acquittal; defended by aliens, and incriminated by unsworn affidavits—therefore little wonder that the case will be watched with the keenest interest, not only here, but in all Europe, and will rank among the greatest of *causes celeberrime*.

It has long been recognized by the ablest medical authorities that the use of tobacco is injurious to the respiratory tract, but says scientific exchange, the extent of its influence in checking growth in this and other directions has been widely underestimated. Dr. Seaver's conclusions in regard to the dwarfing effect of tobacco are fully corroborated by the following statement by Professor Fitchcock, M.D., of Amherst College, *more recent* "published" "The matter of tobacco smoking as an influence upon the physical development of American students has been studied in the history of the class of '91. Of this class 75 per cent. have increased in their measurements and tests during the whole course, while 25 per cent. have remained stationary or fallen off. In regarding the smokers from the non-smokers, it appears that in the item of weight the non-smokers have increased 24 per cent. more than the smokers; in height they have surpassed them 37 per cent.; and in the chest girth 42 per cent. And in the lung capacity there is a difference of 8.56 cubic inches (he is about 75 per cent. in favour of the non-smokers, which is 3 per cent. of the total lung capacity of the class."

A SPECIAL stamp issue will be made to commemorate the Imperial Silver Wedding in Japan.

Mr. Justcombe—"What is the best clique to be mixed up with in Hongkong?"  
Mrs. Oldfender—"Clique!"

LATE advices from Singapore state that the *Imperial* and *Severn* are to sail from that port for Hongkong, via Batavia, on the 12th inst.

We are informed by the Agent of the Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co. that the Company's steamer *Maria Valeria* left Singapore for this port today.

Mrs. Burshee—"Is it true that Lieutenant Winchbladder drinks like a fish?"  
General Mattercourse—"No—fishes drink water!"

THE Chinaman arrested on board the *Glengyle*, coming from Singapore, last week, was again brought before the magistrate to-day on a charge of "cheating" and further remanded; bail \$3,000.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemason's Hall, Zealand Street, on Monday, the 12th inst., at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

"So you don't like Mr. Pumphrey?" he queried.  
"No," replied the fair one, "indeed I don't, he is so deucedly stubborn, by Jove, that no one ever dared disagree with him—save a Welsh rabbit."

THE Turkish B. & B. Company which not long since was formed with a flourish of trumpets in Yokohama, is about to go into voluntary liquidation. It is said that another syndicate will be formed to carry on the enterprise.

AND still they come! Intelligent Gaul (after his first fortnight in London)—"Ah, *mon ami*, we shall get to Berlin next time." Briton—"Glad to hear it; but what makes you think so?" Intelligent Gaul—"Well, you must have nearly all the natives here already."

THE *Makong*, a semi-weekly (though it calls itself bi-weekly) published in Saigon, has started a subscription list for the benefit of the French soldiers at Chantaboon, who, it says, "are unable on their small pay to enjoy life so far from civilization." There are different ideas of humour, and this is ours.

THE depth to which the son's rays penetrate water has been recently determined by the aid of photography. It has been found that at a depth of 55 ft. the darkness was total, and at 60 ft. purposes the same as that on a clear but moonless night. Sensitized plates exposed at this depth for a considerable length of time gave no evidence of light-action.

AN Admiralty order has been issued directing the *Porpoise*, the *Rattler*, and the *Firbrand* to be recommissioned at Hongkong for another term of service on the China Station. All three vessels are to be recommissioned by their present commanding officers, whose appointments are of comparatively recent date. New crews for all three vessels embarked on the troopship *Tamar* (expected here at the end of this month).

No very important cases transpired at the Police Court this morning, the most interesting being one in which a poor lone widow had to "face the music" owing to her nifty-petty having been found grazing yesterday on the bill-boards in Wanchoi district. The defendant admitted the offence, and was fined seven dollars. Our illustrious Ofis Gote, strange to say, was simply not in.

THE British Navy, remarks a home paper, is not alone in being still supplied with semi-obsolete, though nevertheless very serviceable rifles. The French navy is in the same condition; but 25,220 Lebel rifles are now being sent to the ports for distribution among ships on the home station, and all ships henceforth commissioned will also be furnished with these weapons. Of the new rifle, 12,000 go to Tonkin, 4,450 to Cherbourg, 3,770 to Brest, 3,400 to Lorient, and 1,600 to Rochefort.

Theatrical Manager—"Didn't I hear you making some talk about not being enough realistic in this play, Mr. Walker?"

Leading Man—"I did say something of the kind, sir."

"Hoh! We already have real horses, real water, a real sawge-chopper, real snakes in the *difficult* *trains* scene and real turmps in the gorgeous banquet scene. What more do you want, my boy?"

"Well, I should like a little real applause at each performance, and real money on salary days."

A JAPANESE contemporary states that another broad seam lies to be made on the import trade by Japan to the manufacture of which is said to be now conducted by the Osaka Cotton Spinning Company on a considerable scale. The weavers of Kii, also, have embarked in the same enterprise. It is said that the Japanese *T-cloth* can be sold for 20 per cent. less than the foreigner, the price of the yarn grades at present being 1.50 yen, 1.50 yen, and 1.40 yen respectively. The recent appreciation of gold has greatly assisted the Japanese weavers in their competition with fabrics imported from gold-using countries.

THE B. light shipbuilding returns for 1893 convey a melancholy story of the depression in this important branch of industry. Among the many startling facts set out in the elaborate statistics published by the B. of Trade there is the statement that the number of vessels built for the Newcastle district alone is very much smaller than in previous years. In 1889, 377 vessels were turned out in the North of England; in 1890, 334; in 1891, 349; in 1892, 348; and in the year 1893 only 207! The falling off has, however, been pretty general; for it is recorded that the total tonnage launched in the United Kingdom in 1893 was 300,000 less than in 1892, or "40,000 below the maximum, in the year 1879." This is the natural result of over-production.

A very interesting paper was recently read by Dr. Emberton at the Hancock Museum, Newcastle, on "The Moa, the extinct giant bird of New Zealand." Some of the lecturer's remarks might well be considered as a warning to the ruthless destroyers of birds in both hemispheres. *Apus* time: far distant from the present, New Zealand was inhabited by birds that were monarchs of all they surveyed, from the centre to the sea. They revelled in a paradise of their own. But a change came over this happy scene when man, though indeed less civilized than our own, made his appearance among them. Coming from the east, there intruded, needless to say, the axe and the spear, and the peaceful monarchs were driven to flight. Of these creatures, and interesting birds, said Dr. Emberton, happily lost to mankind through the hunger, voracity, and want of foresight of the Maori, nothing has been left to us but their bones, some broken fragments of eggs, &c. It is to be feared that the fate of the *moa* will in no long time be the same as that of the *moa*.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. Hastings, R.N., L. C. Airey was charged with selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours on the 8th inst., at the Stag Hotel, and with refusing to admit the police. Evidence was given by Police Constable Graham, who saw through the shutters that some blue-jackets were served with beer long after closing-time. The case was then adjourned.

AMERICA has at last decided definitely that Madame Melba is to step into Patti's shoes, for the Australian diva is unanimously pronounced to be the greatest mistress of the art of pure singing now before the public. Nature has been generous to her in the gift of a voice, and its placing and cultivation are absolutely flawless. Walter Damrosch, the *Impresario*, hearing her sing one evening, exclaimed, "There are no registers at all in that voice, it is all one." Beyond the wonderful beauty of her voice, however, Melba's vocal art does not go. She fails to produce what are known as dramatic effects, to convince her hearers that there is a heart behind her song.

## THE STRANDED STEAMERS.

THE P. & O. tug *Dragon*, chartered for the time by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, left Hongkong yesterday about 11.0 a.m., and reached the stranded *Tanulau* early in the afternoon. The exact spot was not, as at first reported, the "Nine Pins," Table Island, but a point on the mainland between Steep Island and the Trio Islets, south of Table Island and north-west of the Nine Pins. The water is quite deep right up to the face of the cliffs, which run up sheer, with only a small projecting ridge of a few feet near the water line. We are informed that the steamer's engines were kept going almost slowly all the time, to prevent her sliding off while still fully loaded. A Chinese Customs cutter and the *Dragon* got hawser on board as quickly as possible, this morning, and by the time the forehold had been partly emptied the *Tanulau* backed off, really without needing a tow at all. Under her own steam, the damaged vessel came into port slowly, escorted by the *Dragon*, and arrived about noon, moored at once alongside the Hungnam dock. The amount of cargo taken out before she came off the rocks was really very small—too small to have made any appreciable difference; for though the *Dragon* took up three large lighters, only one of them was used, and that took less than a hundred bags of rice off. She was nine feet down by the head, the fore-foot being clean gone, the bows smashed, and the bottom of the compartment made water, and the collision bulkhead held solid. She is now 27 feet in her present condition, and will have to be considerably tightened before she can get into dock, which will probably be to-morrow.

The *Pilot Fish*, on the other hand, is not expected to get off at all, unless the weather becomes even quieter than at present—which is certainly not likely, and at the very best she could not be considered in a promising condition. Mr. Cook, of the Dock Co., went out yesterday, and Mr. Gillespie again to-day, and they agreed that unless she has much better weather than ordinary last night, she will become a total wreck. She lies on a small reef, almost a pinnacle rock, only about twenty feet wide at the water's edge and dropping nearly straight at the sides. She lies on her side, only supported amidships by the rock, and the first heavy sea that comes along will probably carry her clean over and sink her. As it is, though calmer weather is seldom seen, the point is so situated that there is a big wash constantly, sometimes rising within a foot or two of covering her, and sometimes nearly exposing her keel. All that can be done is to try to take off the movable gear and dismantle her as far as possible; and this work has been proceeding, under great difficulties as may be easily imagined, since yesterday noon.

The *Pilot Fish* is described in Lloyd's Register as 115 tons net, 114 ft. 5 in. long, 10 ft. 4 in. deep, 10 ft. 5 in. beam, built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., in 1855; engines of 61 h.p. nom., two cylinders, 20 in. and 40 in. diam., 28 in. stroke, single screw, driving about twelve knots.

## ANOTHER MAGISTERIAL 'FIZZLE'.

In our issue of the 27th ultimo we referred at some length to the charge preferred by the West Point police against F. X. Kyrie, the keeper of the slaughter house at Kennedy-town, in which it was set forth that the defendant had "unlawfully forged the stamp or seal of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon on the 26th February on certain cattle which had been rejected." Since that date the case has dragged its weary length in the Police Court, Mr. A. B. Johnson appearing as Crown Prosecutor and Mr. F. X. Kyrie as solicitor for the defence. After being "called on" repeatedly and being adjourned from day to day without any apparent reason, the case came before Mr. Hastings yesterday with every hope of important revelations transpiring in evidence. Not so, however, for the Crown Prosecutor promptly put a "damper" on proceedings as soon as the Court sat, by stating, much to the surprise of the spectators, that the prosecution was not prepared to proceed owing to the fact that no offence had been committed under the Ordinance of the Colony. The charges had been referred under section 2 of Ordinance 6 of 1885, which referred to forgery of the seal of any Officer, Office or Department, but the branding-iron (the broad arrow) which the Veterinary Surgeon used when passing cattle was not the officially recognised seal of any special department. There was manifestly a flaw in the law, and this had brought to light a missing link in the law which would doubtless soon be supplied with a view to preventing any possibility of the misappropriation of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's seal or brand in the future. Under the circumstances he had no course open to him but the withdrawal of the prosecution. Mr. Kyrie said nothing, but looked more or less pleased, and his Worship of course consented to the Crown backing down, and dismissed the case forthwith. Thus ended a case which has brought to light, once again, the glaring inconsistencies and yawning gaps in the laws of this well-ordered colony.

## THE CHINA AND MANILA SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the eleventh ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday, 17th March, 1894, at 12 o'clock, noon:—

Annexed we beg to submit to shareholders the usual statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1893. The gross profit after deducting the balance at debit from last year amounts to \$35,095.80 and after writing off \$2,000 for depreciation of steamers there remains \$33,095.80 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend of 5 per cent. \$12,500.00 To carry forward to next year's account \$20,595.80

The steamers *Zafra* and *Emeralda* were constantly employed on the line throughout the year. Both steamers have been docked and undergone their annual surveys and are now in good order and ready for service.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. Gillespie, Hopius, Moos and Shewan all retire but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and J. H. Cox, who are eligible for re-election.

SHewan & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1894.

Accounts for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1893.

BALANCE SHEET.

Assets.  
Value of Company's steamers *Emeralda* and *Zafra*..... 478,184.45  
Less depreciation written off..... 32,018.45  
246,166.00  
Value of buoys & moorings at Amoy and Hongkong..... 701.68  
Value of stores on hand..... 2,061.04  
Value of coals on board..... 1,016.00  
Outstanding Freight 1893..... 41,512.61  
Premium value on unexpired policies..... 9,744.54  
Bad and doubtful debts..... 845.36  
Due from Amoy agents..... 8,026.47  
Due from Manila agents..... 1,728.73  
Due from London agents..... 2,715.70  
Cash on hand..... 3,437.59  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation..... 5,119.16  
Forfeited shares account..... 3,850.00  
\$346,032.43

Liabilities.  
Capital, 5,000 shares @ \$50. per share..... \$250,000.00  
Underwriting account..... 5,576.63  
Sundry creditors..... 13,524.75  
Due to general managers..... 1,000.00  
*Emeralda* mortgage account..... 10,000.00  
Balance of profit and loss account..... 13,077.35  
\$335,032.43

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Balance from last account..... \$31,369.10  
Amount written off for depreciation..... 22,018.45  
Consulting committee..... 2,000.00  
Auditors' fees..... 300.00  
Interest account..... 5,194.15  
Exchange account..... 207.16  
Charges account..... 1,505.16  
Freight outstanding 1890 written off..... 31.00  
Balance..... 13,077.35  
\$75,696.35

Profit on working steamships *Emeralda* and *Zafra*..... \$74,438.12  
Profit on stores..... 3,258.23  
\$75,696.35

BAD AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS.

Balance from last account..... \$4,607.56  
Freight outstanding 1893 transferred..... 87.80  
\$4,695.36

By value of 77 shares belonging to Russell & Co. in liquidation, forfeited, @ \$50 per share..... 3,850.00  
Balance..... 845.36  
\$4,695.36

We have compared the above statements with the books and vouchers of the Company, and found the same in accordance therewith.

[THOS. ARNOLD] Auditors.

[JAMES H. COX]

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the tenth ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the General Managers on Saturday, 17th March, at 12.30 p.m.:—

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders the usual annual statement of accounts made up to the 31st December 1893. The gross profit, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounts to \$33,125.60 and after writing off \$10,000 for depreciation of plant and machinery there remains \$23,125.60 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—To place in Reserve Fund..... \$5,000.00 To pay a dividend of 12 per cent..... 18,000.00 To carry forward to next year's account..... 125.60

There is nothing of special interest to remark regarding the year's business. The Company's rope continues to grow in favor with the trade, and we are glad to say that our efforts to increase direct sales to consumers, and avoid the necessity for consigning, are beginning to meet with success.

Consulting Committee.—We deeply regret to have to record the death of Mr. J. S. Laprak, whose place Mr. J. H. Lewis is invited to join the board. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. Gillespie, Moos, Shewan and Lewis retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and F. Henderson, who are recommended for re-election.

SHewan & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th February 1894.

Accounts for the year 1893.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Interest..... 3,163.74  
Exchange..... 146.69  
Repairs and maintenance of buildings..... 1,500.88  
Plant and machinery..... 125.60  
Written off buildings and machinery as depreciation for 1893..... 10,000.00  
Consulting Committee..... 1,000.00  
Auditors..... 500.00  
Balance..... 23,125.60  
\$30,235.84

Balance from 1892..... \$1,253.80

Balance of Working Account..... \$31,889.64

BALANCE SHEET.

Cost of land..... \$20,000.00  
Value of factory, machinery &c., as per last statement..... \$120,000.00  
Less depreciation 1893..... 10,000.00  
110,000.00  
Value of rope, hemp &c. in godowns..... 43,095.84  
Value of ropes consigned..... 6,377.28  
Less advances on same..... 20,233.60  
Insurance premia 1/6 1894..... 43,077.67  
Sundry debitors..... 25,102.23  
Balance of bad and doubtful debts..... 215.18  
Cash in hand..... 3,775.33  
Cash at factory..... 1,249.00  
\$243,246.19

Capital 3,000 shares at \$50 paid..... \$150,000.00  
Reserve fund..... 25,000.00  
Due the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation..... 18,833.89  
Due Shewan & Co. general managers..... 1,514.92  
Sundry creditors..... 24,769.78  
Balance of profit and loss account..... 31,222.60

\$243,246.19

We have compared the above statements with the books and vouchers of the Company, and found the same in accordance therewith.

[THOS. ARNOLD] Auditors.

[F. HENDERSON]







## Results

**PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.**  
Per *Mogul*, from Tacoma, &c.—1 European  
and 11 Chinese.

PILOT FISH, British steamer, 161, A. Stopani.  
—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
PRAYA, 130, Captain MacIsaac.—Hongkong  
Government Tender.

THE BANK BUILDINGS,  
QUEEN'S ROAD,  
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Hong Kong, July 15, 1926

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Mr. & Mrs. G. Grizzle. Mr. J. M. Murray.  
Capt. and Mrs. Hunt. Mr. A. E. Skeels.  
Mr. MacLean. Mr. A. Findlay-Smith.  
Mr. Medhurst. Mr. Stokes.  
Capt. and Mrs. Moore. Capt. & Mrs. Welman.  
Mr. J. Chandler.

weather with light drizzling rain, the first part of the passage. The latter part of voyage had moderate easterly to north-north-west winds and

WM. LE LACHEUR, British bark, 573, T. Powell,  
19th Jan.—Malaga 22nd Dec., Timber.—

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